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Longwood, June 3, 1868.

Dear Wife:

Safely arrived at the dear old home-  
stead of John and Hannah Cox, where a warm  
greeting met me by the family as I stepped over  
the threshold, last evening, in company with  
brother Henry Anthony - R. D. Webb stopping  
at Chandler Darlington's, about a mile from  
here, along with Sarah Pugh and Mary P.  
Estlin. Mr. McKim is entertained at the  
Mendenhalls, with Oliver and Mary Ann John-  
son. But let me "begin at the beginning."

Leaving the Worcester depot in Boston  
at half past 5, P. M., we arrived in New Lon-  
don at 10, and there took the steamer City of  
New London for New York. It was an addi-  
tional boat extemporised for the occasion,  
but not a large or fine one. Luckily, we  
had but few passengers, and so avoided all the  
bustle and pressure incident to a crowd.  
The moon was shining brightly, and the Sound  
as placid as a mill-pond. Richard and I  
felt too tired, however, to sit up late to

enjoy the brilliancy of the scene, and so we sought our state-room, in which we passed a very comfortable night. In fact, I never slept so well before in any of my journeys to the commercial emporium. Our boat was a slow one, and it was quite 8 o'clock in the morning before we arrived. Of course, we hastened to the office of The Nation, where we found Wendell, who had come in an earlier train than usual, and, having exchanged greetings and inquiries, we went to a restaurant, and got breakfast. Then back to the office, to find brother Henry, who came on by the Stonington line. Mr. Godkin came in, and we had a little conversation together. Then we went up stairs, and in the rooms of The Independent found Oliver and Theodore — the latter giving us an interesting account of his recent visit to Washington. At 12 we took the train (via Jersey City) for Philadelphia, arriving at half past 3. At quarter before 5, we took the train for Longwood, having with us Mr. McKim, Sarah Pugh, Miss Estlin, Sam'l J. May,

and several others intending to be present at the meetings here. Mr. May joined us at New York. On the way, in consequence of overeating, (he having just got up from a handsome entertainment at Brooklyn,) he was taken with colic and sickness at the stomach, causing him to vomit freely, during which disagreeable operation he lost (irrecoverably, no doubt) a complete set of upper teeth; thus making it doubtful whether he will be able to come to Longwood; or, if he should, whether he will be ~~in~~ in a condition to address the audience. We all sympathized with him deeply. He went at once, on arriving at Philadelphia, to W. H. Furness's, to spend the night, and was looking and feeling very unwell when we left him.

On the way from Philadelphia to Longwood, I had considerable conversation with Sarah Pugh and Miss Estlin. The latter is very well, and appears to be enjoying her visit to America. I understand that, after our meetings, she and Richard will go to Washington to see Thomas Garrett, who is

quite well, and from there to Baltimore, Washington, &c. I may go to Wilmington with them.

Brother Henry had a narrow escape from a severe injury on arriving at Longwood. On trying to get into the wagon, his foot slipped, and he fell backwards, striking heavily on his shoulders and head; but he sprung up quickly, & insisted that he was not hurt. This morning he feels a little confusion of the brain and stiffness of the neck, but is in good spirits, & makes light of the accident.

I expect to leave Philadelphia on Tuesday for New York with Mr. McKim, & shall expect to pass the night at Orange with Harry. I shall not get home till Friday or Saturday, unless wanted in special.

I do not feel quite reconciled to being away at this time, but trust all will go smoothly till my return. Ever so many kisses for Fanny & yourself. W. L. G.